

about all here. Theological devils, medical devils, social devils, devilish devils, they are all here and they are in union when it comes to making an assault on the cause we have at heart, but the work goes on, and it will go on until the white flag of triumph floats from the cross. Do you think I am here to be run from my post? Did I ever run when the cause of the Brethren church was at stake? Ask the people of Maryland where there was opposition, ask the people of Pittsburg where there was opposition, ask the people of the various places where I have worked in the face of the black, unsanctified opposition, ask those people if I ever flinched when it come to standing for principle. I left my old church and my old home to follow my convictions, and I can turn from other families to protect the new born child they seek to slay. No Egypt is needed in which to flee, for the God of Joseph and Mary can protect him who has his circumcision from the human and divine.

THE FINANCIAL SIDE.

The work has a financial side. Christ recognized it, and received help. The apostles understood it and had system in gathering the means, and it is as needful to-day as then. Some people seem ignorant of this work and others deliberately overlook it, for fear one of their ripe dollars may be plucked. Some others have acted in regard to the mission in Chicago as if the church had emptied her pocket-book in our lap, and they were getting none. Others are asking where the two thousand are, and why isn't that enough, and so the questions with their insinuations are flury broadcast, as a matter of fact. There were not two thousand dollars promised at the conference. The amount in exact figures was fifteen hundred and fifty-seven dollars, of which amount about half has been paid in; and yet in a recent paper the statement was made that there was enough promised to run Chicago, Washington and Dayton, when it will take one thousand dollars to pay rent in the three places, leaving the great amount of less than six hundred dollars for three families to live on, buy coal, etc. For my part I consider the church worthy of representation. I am endeavoring to do it honestly. If any of you want to live in a hole, and build up a church without means, the situation is open. Go to work and let other people do the same. As for me and my house we will serve the Lord and help the cause.

MISSIONS IN LARGE CITIES.

One mission here spends one hundred

dollars per month on naked expenses, then pays the manager a good salary; another mission after expenses are paid, hands the manager one hundred dollars per month. Another mission costs over six thousand dollars per year to run, the manager getting twenty dollars per week for his living expenses and so I might go on. I am required to do the same kind of work, to do just as much work, and more, for out of it you expect me to develop and weld a church. Why not stand up to the work then? One man said the Brethren church was too poor to support missions. Shame on such talk. She is not too poor, but some of her members are too stingy. They are afraid to launch out in the deep waters of charity. If the general church is too stingy, then let her burst and start over, but let me tell you beloved, if you let your missions go the bursting will come soon enough. You may fool along with Ashland college and yet live. You may sneak out of your duty to the publishing house and yet have a struggling existence, but when you come to play at mission work there will be failure, for that involves the question of education and publication, and the three must be maintained and sustained, and our mission cause shall not die. It lives and it must do more than live.

OPPOSITION IN LARGE CITIES.

Here extremes meet. The rich work to increase their pile, the poor struggle to exist. Between these two streams you must fight your way, and well for you if the social cyclone does not gather you up. The old churches are like the old man's mule—established, but they kick. Were I disposed I could reveal some dirt work on the part of two large denominations toward the mission, not probably because of our smallness, but because of what we represent. While I am not under bonds to conceal their meanness, I shall wait another time and place to reveal the facts. Then we are subject to those who desire to make a cat's paw of us, for instance; a woman, claiming to be a member of the Christian church, constituted herself solicitor, went around the city, begging money for West Side Mission, representing herself as an agent, collecting what she could, putting the money in her pocket, growling if she didn't get any, bringing the cause into ill repute. I investigated the matter, collected the facts, and stopped her getting revenue at our expense, and if I catch any more doing the same thing I will serve them the same way. Some people seem to be beyond redemption. Whether they are or not, there is one thing certain, other denominations

and confidence women are not going to run this mission and some of both have had the fact made plain.

THE WORK OUTLINED.

In spite of everything we have kept right along here, night after night, rain or shine, hot or cold, sick or well, the work has gone on, preaching, exhortation, experience, testimony, prayers, songs, readings, confessions, conversions, until we have gathered around us a little band of noble workers, tried in the fire and made all the stronger by the storm that they have gone through, developing for future work and usefulness. In addition to our regular services we have had out-door services, scattered tracts, visited the distressed, cared for the troubled. The Brethren church need not be ashamed of her mission work in Chicago. We have put our heart and soul and family into the work and it has been appreciated by the people of Chicago and in the coming winter we shall do more yet, for now we are becoming known and have the work well in hand.

MY STEWARDSHIP.

I shall have a full and complete report of all money and goods sent me and how disposed of. We made ready our report and some circumstances caused it to be withheld. For reports hereafter the church must express a desire. I have used all money sent me for the cause and not for myself and family. The only things I bought for myself were a pair of shoes, some hose and a neck tie. I wore my shoes until they were patched from toe to heel and my pants are as bad as my shoes and I shall have to spend some money in that direction as soon as I get it. I bought for my wife a pair of rubbers, a pair of shoes, and a rubber coat. Her fare to Nappanee and back was paid by a friend out of her own pocket, and the sisters of the Nappanee church gave her the new dress she wears. When her father sent her twenty-five dollars for a present, she handed it to me saying, "Papa, use it in the mission," and I did. The large picture in the window, "Christ before Pilate," was presented to us, and also the clock, by a sister member of this mission, and not a cent of mission money was spent on it, but suppose it was, what of it? Some people will not stand before Pilate, but they will stand before the bar of God, and I am not afraid to stand there and give an account of my stewardship in the city of Chicago.

ONWARD AND UPWARD.

While the work is hard, burdens heavy,